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Subject: Modifications to the Bingham Canyon Mine Reclamation and Water Management Plan, Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation, Bingham Canyon Mine, Task # 1668 & 1681, M/035/002, Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Mr. McGowan-Jackson:

On December 21, 2006, the Division received your letter outlining recent activities at the Bingham Canyon Mine. These activities included information concerning the Giant Leap pushback in the pit, waste rock placement from this additional mining, and updated tables reflecting Kennecott's demolition progress. The Giant Leap and subsequent waste rock placement are new information that will be incorporated into Kennecott's reclamation plan. Building demolition was a part of the approved reclamation plan and will be treated as such.

On January 26, 2007, the Division received additional information which outlined an expansion of the Code 22 waste dump area. This additional waste dump disposal area will be needed for a portion of the waste material produced as a part of the Giant Leap mining.

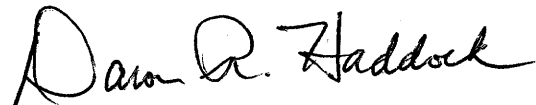
This additional dump area has been projected to cover approximately 120 acres after reclamation. In actuality the total area impacted by dumps at the mine will only expand by 23 acres. The remainder of the area covered by the dump will be located on areas presently covered by waste dumps. Portions of this 23 acre area has been previously impacted by roads and mining related activities. Growth medium will be stripped from this area and stockpiled for use in future dump reclamation.

A portion of the area to be impacted by this proposed dump is identified as containing material sufficiently oxidized to allow for revegetation. Before this area can be impacted by the proposed waste dump, this oxidized material needs to be harvested for use during future reclamation. The map submitted with the Code 22 proposal needs to be revised to show where this material will be stored until it can be used for reclamation. Please resubmit two copies of the corrected map to show these changes.

The Division will incorporate these plan modifications into Kennecott's Bingham Canyon Mine Reclamation and Water Management Plan. We appreciate Kennecott's efforts in keeping us apprised of activities at the site and keeping the mining and reclamation plan updated. Please continue to communicate these changes to allow the Division to have a better overview of the activities at the site. We will schedule a tour of the mine in the near future to look at these areas in the field.

We would like to request that Kennecott furnish a second copy of these plans. The Division normally requires two copies of proposed changes. Two copies are needed so that one copy can be stamped approved and returned to the operator and the other will be integrated into your approved reclamation plan. If you have any questions, please contact me at (801) 538-5258 or Doug Jensen at (801) 538-5382.

Sincerely,


for Susan M. White
Mining Program Coordinator
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